

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *PHILEMON*
FROM NORTH-WEST AUSTRALIA.

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PHILEMON OCCIDENTALIS, *sp. nov.*

The species at present under consideration was obtained by the late Mr. Thomas Boyer-Bower, near Derby, in North-West Australia, and is mentioned in my notes of that gentleman's collection in our Proceedings for 1886, p. 1098, sp. No. 82.

Male.—The whole of the upper and under surface brown, darker on the wings and tail, which are margined on the outer webs of the quills with olive-yellow, except on the two central tail feathers and the first three primaries. The under surface and throat is of an ashy tint; ear-coverts ashy-white slightly tinged with yellow, sides of the face and a narrow line over the eye bare, the skin being bluish-black or lead colour, an indistinct ashy-white collar round the neck, widening into a triangular patch behind the ear-coverts, an indistinct dark brown band from the ear-coverts across the throat; chest tinged with yellow, which color forms a distinct patch on either side; bill and legs black. Signs of immaturity are shown by the feathers of the inter-scapular region being margined with ashy-white. Length, 10·7 inches; wing, 5·1 inches; tail, 4·5 inches; tarsus, 1·2 inches; bill, 1·4 inches.